

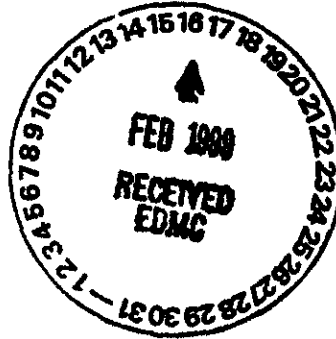


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February 3, 1999

Mr. James E. Rasmussen
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Draft State Waste Discharge Permit ST4510 for Public Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed a draft permit and fact sheet that is based on your *Categorical State Waste Discharge Permit Application for Storm Water Discharges to Land – Hanford Specific* (98-EAP-445). Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet were sent to the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) for factual review and comment on December 2, 1998. The draft permit and fact sheet have subsequently been modified due to USDOE comments and meeting discussions. The attached copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are being made available for the formal public comment period. 50187

The public comment period for this draft permit and fact sheet will start on February 8, 1999, and will last for thirty (30) days, ending on March 9, 1999. The public notice of draft permit will be made February 7, 1999, in the *Tri-City Herald* and in a mailing to parties of record. The proposed permit conditions in the draft permit could be changed during the public review process. 50188

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this draft permit or the permit issuance process, please contact me at (509) 736-3047.

Sincerely,

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Nuclear Waste Program

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Enclosure

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